

the computer is fully activated. In contrast, neither Brown nor Langer disclose measuring data from a patient while the computer startup routine is being performed. Thus, neither Brown nor Langer disclose each and every feature of amended claim 25. Therefore, neither Brown nor Langer anticipates amended claim 25. Claims 26-29 depend from claim 25, and Applicants submit that claims 26-29 are patentable over either Brown or Langer for at least the same reasons as claim 25.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2004 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 2-21, 25-29 and 32 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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